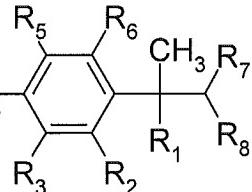


In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition comprising

- a) from 0.1 to 20% by weight of a dye having a solid state absorption band maximum in the spectral region from 300 to 800 nm,



- b) from 0.5 to 79.9% by weight of a compound of formula

(I), wherein R₁ to R₈

to R₈ are H, CH₃ or C₂H₅, with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in R₁ to R₈ is 1 or 2,

- c) from 20% to 99.4% by weight of a linear, branched and/or cyclic non-aromatic hydrocarbon wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon to compound of formula (I) is from 17:1 to 76:1, and
- d) optionally from 0 to 99.4% by weight of one or more further components, all based on the weight of the solution.

2-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of o-cymene, m-cymene, sec-butylbenzene, tert-butylbenzene, 2-pentylbenzene, isopent-2-ylbenzene and tert-amylbenzene.

5. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim 1, wherein the dye is a phthalocyanine.

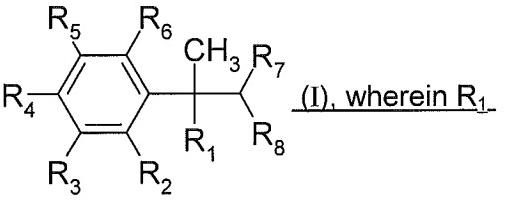
6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein the hydrocarbon is selected from cycloalkanes substituted by one or more C₁-C₄alkyl groups and/or having a boiling point of ≤ 170 °C.

8. (amended and withdrawn) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium comprising a substrate with a grooved side, wherein the substrate is a polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate substrate, a recording layer overlying the substrate on the grooved side, a reflective layer overlying the recording layer, and a protective layer overlying the reflective layer, which process comprises coating the grooved side of the substrate with [[the]] a liquid composition of claim 5 comprising

- a) from 0.1 to 20% by weight of a dye having a solid state absorption band maximum in the spectral region from 300 to 800 nm,

- b) from 0.5 to 79.9% by weight of a compound of formula R₄



to R₈ are H, CH₃ or C₂H₅, with the proviso that the total number of carbon atoms in R₁ to R₈ is 1 or 2.

- c) from 20% to 99.4% by weight of a linear, branched and/or cyclic non-aromatic hydrocarbon wherein the weight ratio of hydrocarbon to compound of formula (I) is from 17:1 to 76:1, and

- d) optionally from 0 to 99.4% by weight of one or more further components, all based on the weight of the solution

to produce the recording layer.

9-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim 4, wherein the compound of formula (I) is sec-butylbenzene, tert-butylbenzene or a mixture thereof.

13. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim 1, wherein the dye is a copper or palladium phthalocyanine.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A polycarbonate or poly-methyl methacrylate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition [[of]] according to claim 6, wherein the hydrocarbon is methylcyclohexane, 1,2-dimethyl cyclohexane, ethyl cyclohexane or a mixture thereof.

16-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 1.

22. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 4.

23. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 5.

24. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 7.

25. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 12.

26. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 13.

27. (new) A polycarbonate optical recording medium substrate with a grooved side coated on the grooved side with a liquid composition according to claim 15.

28. (new) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the substrate is a polycarbonate substrate.

29. (new) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the compound of formula (I) in the liquid composition is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of o-cymene, m-cymene, sec-butylbenzene, tert-butylbenzene, 2-pentylbenzene, isopent-2-ylbenzene and tert-amylbenzene.

30. (new) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the compound of formula (I) in the liquid composition dye is a phthalocyanine.

31. (new) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the hydrocarbon in the liquid composition is selected from cycloalkanes substituted by one or more C₁-C₄alkyl groups and/or having a boiling point of ≤ 170 °C.

32. (new) A process for manufacturing an optical recording medium according to claim 8, wherein the compound of formula (I) in the liquid composition is sec-butylbenzene, tert-butylbenzene or a mixture thereof.